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# ***District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness***



***Youth Committee  
May 28, 2020***

# ICH Youth Committee

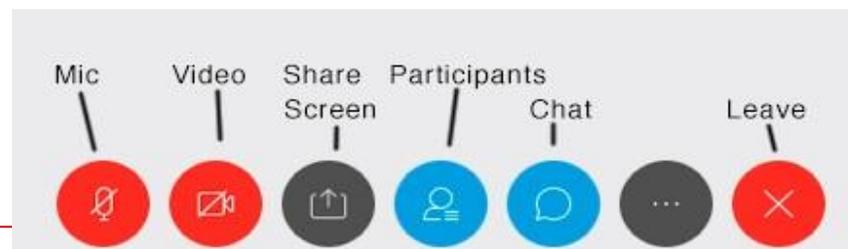


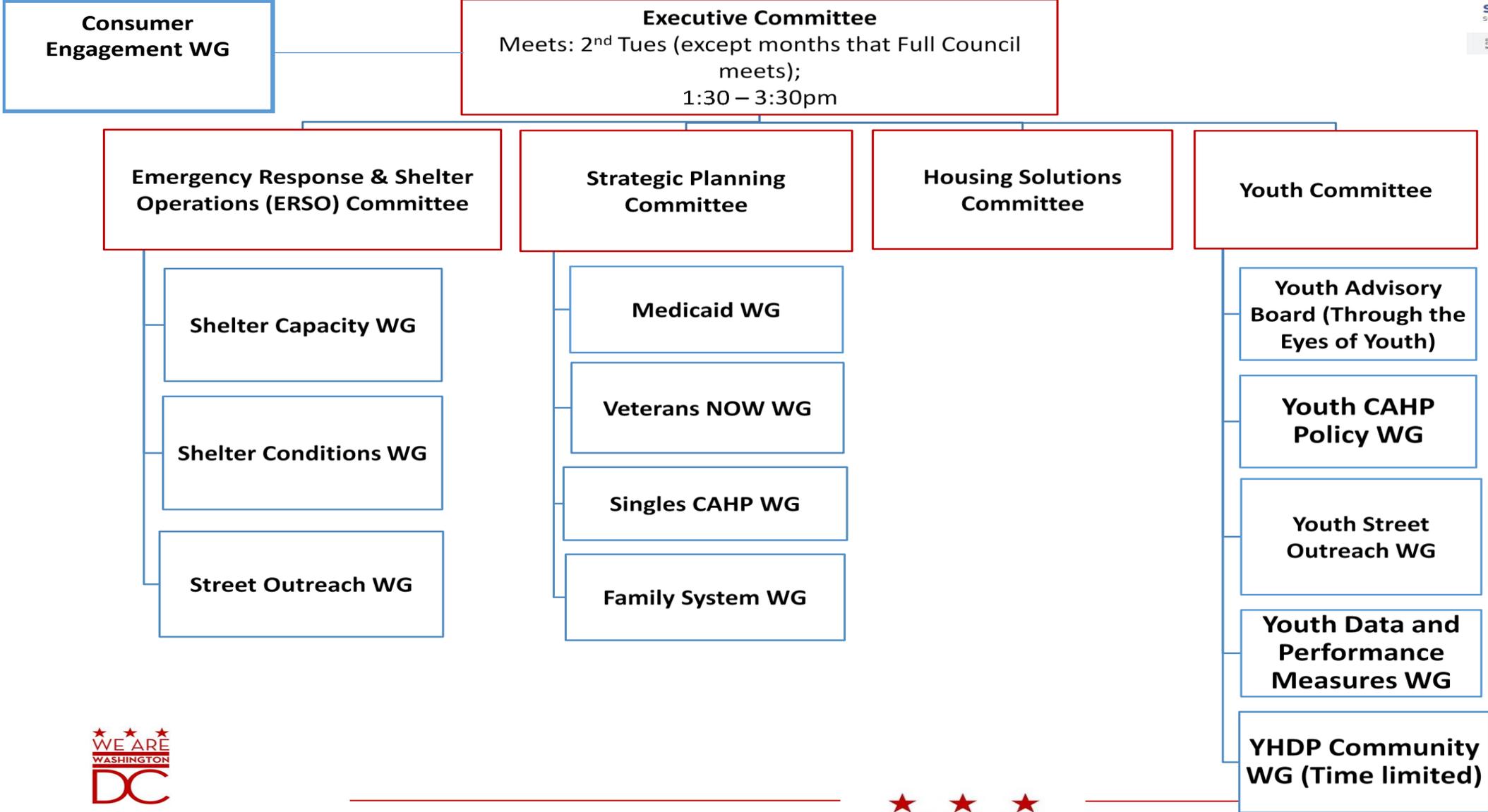
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**Welcome to today's meeting; we will begin shortly. In the meantime, please review the reminders below.**

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## Modified Operations

- ❖ **Shelter:** All **low-barrier shelters, family shelters, and shelters serving youth** remain open.
- ❖ **Day Services:** **Zoe's Doors Youth Drop-In Center** located at 900 Rhode Island Avenue NE, and the **Sasha Bruce Youth Drop-In Center** located at 741 8th Street SE are **open**.
- ❖ **Homeless Service Outreach Workers** are continuing to provide services to people experiencing homelessness.
- ❖ **CAHP** has continued making matches and youth are being housed

<https://dhs.dc.gov/service/dhs-modified-operations-during-covid-19>



## Youth System Meetings During COVID

- ❖ **Youth CAHP** has continued making matches and housing youth throughout the crisis
- ❖ **Youth Street Outreach, Drop-In Centers, and Shelters** meet every other week
- ❖ **Youth CAHP Policy** meets monthly
- ❖ **Youth Covid-19 Provider Response Calls** every other Thursday and are provider lead
- ❖ **DC Supporting Hopeful Youth - Youth Action Board** meets at least twice per month

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# FY21 Budget



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- ❖ The financial impact of COVID-19 requires us to make sacrifices while maintaining the critical services our residents expect and protecting our most vulnerable neighbors.
- ❖ The District has already taken steps to reduce spending in the current (2020) fiscal year by implementing a hiring and spending freeze across government.
- ❖ In the District's FY 2021 budget proposal, we are finding ways to save resources so that we don't lose ground on our shared progress in the District and progress made on Solid Foundations DC
- ❖ DC is leveraging federal resources to help respond to this unprecedented need

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## The Youth Action Board renamed themselves... Supporting Hopeful Youth a.k.a. DC SHY

- ❖ DC SHY meets at least two a month (shifted to a virtual platform)
- ❖ Developed By-Laws
- ❖ Recruited new members
- ❖ Established Workplans and Priorities

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## ❖ DC SHY Priorities include:

- Develop policy and protocol recommendations to improve the youth system (both federal and local)
- Support youth experiencing homelessness to exercise their right to vote
- Partner with Regional Youth Action Boards (DC SHY has virtually met with Baltimore's YAB, PG County's YAB, and more)
- Connect with Higher Education Institutions and develop strong partnerships with Leadership and Student Body

If you know of youth who may be interested in joining DC SHY, have them e-mail the DC SHY Co-Chairs – Briana and Litzi ([WhitfieB@advisory.com](mailto:WhitfieB@advisory.com) & [litzvc@gmail.com](mailto:litzvc@gmail.com))

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## DC SHY is launching the youth system's first ever Youth Lead Listening Sessions!

- ❖ **WHAT:** DC SHY understands that youth experience unique barriers in many situations, and the COVID-19 crisis is no exception. By creating a space for youth by youth, we will facilitate a space to receive authentic homeless system feedback from young adults. The SHY YAB will also utilize the forum as a networking tool for peer support and community resources.
- ❖ **WHY:** Youth voice is essential to making positive policy, protocol, and systems change!

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## ❖ **WHEN:**

- Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 to 12pm
- Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to 7pm
- Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to 4pm
- Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm to 2pm
- Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to 7pm
- Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm to 7pm

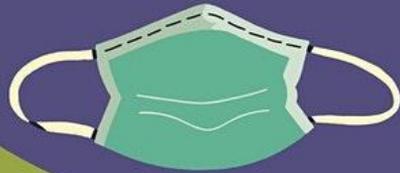
## ❖ **VIA ZOOM Call**

- ❖ <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supporting-hopeful-youth-listening-series-covid-19-response-tickets-106787265586>



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# LISTENING SERIES: COVID-19 SUPPORT



Join us for a youth-led  
conversation surrounding DC's  
Youth Homeless System  
COVID-19 Response

**06.04.2020 | 11 AM  
VIA ZOOM**

Questions? Feel free to contact us at  
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## ❖ Remember the **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Grant?**

### We have some important updates -

- Congress passed legislation that extended the grant by a year – this means we have more time grant out the \$4.28 million to the youth system
- New proposed timeline for RFP release:
  - ✓ Release RFP January 11, 2021
  - ✓ Pre-Bidders Conference February 1, 2021
  - ✓ RFP Applications Due February 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - ✓ Review Panel/Process from February 23<sup>rd</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - ✓ New review process
    - Tentatively 2 weeks for review; 2 weeks for interviews
    - Include Youth Action Board members and other non-conflicting stakeholders

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DHS ran an RFP process last summer to procure providers to launch new **Transitional Housing, Extended Transitional Housing, and Shelter Beds** for the youth system!

- ❖ Ongoing process but excited to announce some new programs and partners!

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# The Wanda Alston Foundation

## THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE:

- OPENING OF OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> LOCATION, ALSTON PLACE
- 12 EXTENDED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS
- SERVING LGBTQ YOUTH
- SITE BASED TO BE LOCATED IN WARD 5.
- OPENING JUNE 2020



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## Total Number of Youth CAHP Matches as of 4/22/20:

### Breakdown by Months (2020):

- ❖ January: 40 Matches, 4 Still in Progress, 24 Move-ins, 12 Unassignments (Pre COVID)
- ❖ February: 31 Matches, 2 Still in Progress, 20 Move-ins, 9 Unassignments (Pre COVID)
- ❖ March: 26 Matches, 3 Still in Progress, 9 Move-ins, 14 Unassignments (During COVID)
- ❖ April: 21 Matches, 4 Still in Progress, 9 Move-ins, 8 Unassignments (During COVID)

**Total: 118 Matches, 13 Still in Progress, 62 Move-ins, 43 Unassignments**



## Total Number of Youth CAHP Matches as of 4/22/20:

**Pre COVID:** 71 Matches, 6 Still in Progress, 44 Move-ins, 21 Unassignments

**During COVID:** 47 Matches, 7 Still in Progress, 18 Move-ins, 22 Unassignments

## Preliminary Data for 5/19/20 Meeting:

❖ **May:** 12 Matches, 8 Still in Progress, 3 Move-ins, 1 Unassignment (During COVID)

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